

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

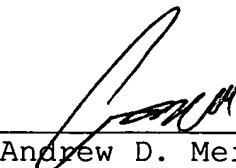
Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein said plurality of parallel band cords traverse the cylindrical drum along the axis of the drum, and the traversing speed is continuously changed, while rotating the drum at a constant speed, whereby the average density is gradually increased.